



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

January 4, 2006

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, January 6, 2006, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Judy Kandl, Barbara Lawther, Michael Lippard, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit, and Johnny Safrit

Absent: Cindee Bridges

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- The three artists were interviewed for the Gateway Public Art installation. Barbara Perry reported that they were each very interesting and interested in Salisbury. Lori McMahon of the Water Works Visual Arts Center did an amazing job in facilitating the interviews.
- CAC proposes a Loft Tour to raise funds for the Depot Street Mosaic public art project. A committee (Betz Bigelow, Diana Moghrabi, Lynn Raker, Barbara Perry, Barbara Lawther, Chad Morgan, and Judy Kandl) will meet Thursday, January 12, at 5 p.m. at the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. Seminar Room to brainstorm about the possibilities of the having the tour.

Lynn Raker has checked with the Finance Department, and there is not a deadline for raising the money.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

The committee will proceed with a brainstorming session January 18, at 4 p.m. at One Water Street. Notifications were sent out January 4 about the meeting. The committee is willing to meet quarterly with neighborhood leaders as long as the energy is still there.

Andrew Waters, with the Charlotte Land Conservancy and a resident of North Main Street, asked that a CAC representative speak to their neighborhood watch group about CAC neighborhood initiatives. This meeting will be at The City Park Recreation Center Monday, January 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mr. Waters could become a wonderful neighborhood advocate.

Discussions with Chris Bradshaw concerning the hospital's construction equipment staging area in Jersey City did not bring about any satisfaction for improvement in the near future. It was suggested that CAC speak to someone with the hospital about the unsightly appearance of the area.

Landscaping

The winners of the Holiday Decorations were announced in the following press release:
**Community Appearance Commission Announces Storefront Decorations Winners
December 13, 2005.**

The Salisbury Community Appearance Commission (CAC) recently selected winners in its First Annual Holiday Storefront Decorations Awards. The awards were designed to enliven the festive atmosphere of the downtown during the holiday season. The CAC also wanted to reinforce the success of the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. subcommittee S.T.A.K.E., which has been working with downtown shopkeepers to enhance their year-round window displays. Three award categories were originally publicized by the CAC: best historic display; best display for children; and best overall holiday display.

When the CAC made their judging rounds last Friday, they were excited to find no less than 47 businesses had made efforts to decorate their storefront windows with holiday displays. After considerable discussion, the jury finally made its decision.

Best Historic Display:

Winner: Oakey Dokey & Co. General Store, 126 E. Innes St.

Runner up: Former Vintage Port, 106 S. Main St. (courtesy of the Stitchin' Post)

Best Display for Children:

Winner: Creative Teaching Aids, 310 S. Main St.

Runner up: Bernhardt's Hardware Co. Inc., 113 N. Main St.

Best Overall Holiday Display:

Winner: Rhonda's Picture Place, 113 W Fisher St.

Runner up: A Step in Time, 5 Easy St.

The CAC thanks all the businesses that participated in the competition and looks toward to building on what has been started this year.

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(There was not enough time to do awards for neighborhood decorations.)

The CAC received an email from Partnership for Children commending Rodney Queen for the attractive and well-functioning office space and his commitment to their seasonal landscaping.

It was suggested that the Yard of the Month award expand to include an award that recognizes “most improved property,” although, the wording of the award would have to be improved.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday and the dedication of the completed Oak Grove/Freedman’s Cemetery to take place January 16.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

CAC/ Tree Board Awards – The judging will take place January 10. Four people (Heidi Galanti, Wendy Miller, Chris Ogunrinde, and Tammy Kepley) have confirmed with Lynn Raker that they will be jurors. February 23, 2006, the Awards Luncheon will be held at the Heritage Room on Council Street.

The Committee will meet again at noon, Wednesday, January 11.

GOALS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Barbara Perry will present the CAC Council Goals to City Council at the January 17 City Council meeting. Members of the CAC were requested to be present.

Lynn will include a request for electricity in the median at the Innes Street Gateway Bridge in the CAC Goals and Highlights. She will speak to Dan Mikkelsen for advice in the matter.

The CAC discussed the use of a “digital docent” for the History and Art Trail. Many members would also like to see the “Adopt a Street” program revived. It is difficult to get public involvement and staff is not able at present.

All members voted AYE to accept the CAC Goals for 2006-2007.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30.

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